House Watch

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MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 4749 (Farrah)

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do all of the following:

- -- Allow a person to operate a motorcycle without a helmet if he or she were at least 21 years old; had been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least two years or had passed a motorcycle safety course; had at least \$20,000 security for medical benefits; and had a permit issued under the bill.
- -- Exempt an out-of-State motorcycle operator, who owned the motorcycle, from the Code's requirement to wear a crash helmet.
- -- Exempt from the helmet requirement a motorcycle passenger who was at least 21, if the motorcycle operator met the bill's conditions for operating without a helmet.
- -- Require the Secretary of State to issue a permit to a person who satisfied the bill's requirements for operating a motorcycle without a helmet.
- -- Establish fees of \$100 for a one-year permit and \$200 for a three-year permit.
- -- Require the Secretary of State, upon request, to issue a license plate sticker with a permit.
- -- Create the "Motorcycle Crash Helmet Permit Fee Fund" and require the Secretary of State to deposit revenue from permit fees into the Fund.
- -- Require that, annually upon appropriation, the first \$5.0 million in the proposed Fund be paid to the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to defray the cost of developing and implementing minimum training standards concerning enforcement of the bill's provisions; the next \$1.0 million be paid to the Secondary Road Patrol and Training Fund; and the remainder be paid to the Traffic Law Enforcement and Safety Fund.
- -- Designate helmet and motorcycle license indorsement violations as civil infractions and specify maximum fines.
 - Agema-2 not adopted
 - The House concurred in the Senate substitute S-1 [RC 471: 70 yes, 38 no]

FINAL PASSAGE

HB 5068 (Coulouris)

Water Withdrawals: House Bill 5068 (H-6) would (1) retain an exemption from the ban on withdrawals causing an "adverse resource impact" or "ARI" for baseline withdrawal capacity existing on February 28, 2006 and for water used for fire suppression; (2) retain the existing rebuttable presumption of no "ARI" for withdrawals that meet specified depth or location guidelines that were "developed" between February 28, 2006 and February 28, 2008; (3) create additional rebuttable presumptions of no "ARI" for certain withdrawals depending on their classification by the assessment tool or by the DEQ; (4) specify the duration of a rebuttable presumption and the standard for rebutting it; (5) specify which large quantity water withdrawals require a Part 327 permit (absent an exemption); (6) describe the application process and the standard for the issuance of a permit.

- Committee substitute H-6 not adopted
- Warren substitute H-8 adopted
- Griffin 2A not adopted
- Palmer 2B not adopted
- Acciavitti 2C not adopted
- Hoogendyke 2D not adopted
- Palmer 2F not adopted
- Robertson substitute H-9 not adopted
- Robertson 2G not adopted
- HB 5068 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5068 was passed [RC 472: 56 yes, 52 no]
- IE was not ordered [RC 473: 58 yes, 50 no]

HB 5069 (Warren)

Water Withdrawals: House Bill 5069 (H-6) would (1) specify when a property owner could simply register and proceed with a proposed withdrawal or, on the other hand, when site specific review or a permit would be needed; (2) require property owners to notify the DEQ of conditions that appear during the development of withdrawal capacity that deviate from those previously reported; (3) require a training and certification program to allow persons outside of the DEQ to collect stream or river flow data; and (4) allow additional stream or river flow resulting from restorative measures authorized in a permit to be used in conjunction with a withdrawal.

- Committee substitute H-6 not adopted
- Pavlov substitute H-10 not adopted
- Warren substitute H-11 adopted
- Lahti 3A withdrawn
- Griffin 3B not adopted
- Sheltrown 3C adopted
- Palmer 3D not adopted

- Acciavitti 3E not adopted
- Palmer 3F not adopted
- Hoogendyke 3G not adopted
- Angerer 3I adopted
- Ward 3J not adopted
- Robertson 3K not adopted
- HB 5069 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Robertson-1 not supported
- HB 5069 was passed [RC 474: 56 yes, 52 no]

HB 5071 (Corriveau)

Water Withdrawals: House Bill 5071 (H-3) would require an evaluation of the impact of water withdrawn by public waterworks systems.

- Committee substitute H-3 not adopted
- Robertson substitute H-5 not adopted
- Warren substitute H-6 adopted
- Griffin 3A not adopted
- Hoogendyke 3B not adopted
- Palmer 3C not adopted
- Hoogendyke 3D not adopted
- Hoogendyke 3E not adopted
- Acciavitti 3F not adopted
- Robertson 3G not adoped
- HB 5071 advanced to 3rd Reading
- Robertson-1 not supported
- HB 5071 was passed [RC 475: 57 yes, 51 no]

SB 752 (Allen)

Senate Bill 752 would amend the Michigan Military Act to require the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to present discharge certificates for enlisted personnel discharged from service in the National Guard to the home counties of the enlisted personnel. Discharge certificates would be presented for recording under Public Act 83 of 1867, which requires a county clerk to record all discharges of soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and members of women's auxiliaries that may be presented to the clerk for recording. Public Act 83 of 1867 also regulates the disclosure of recorded discharge information.

- SB 752 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 752 was passed [RC 476: 109 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5364 (Bieda)

The bill would create the Michigan Arthritis Prevention and Control Act.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- Angerer-2 adopted
- HB 5364 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5364 was passed [RC 477: 80 yes, 28 no]
- IE was ordered